



Hello to all from Bagram, Afghanistan. First of all I want to thank all of you back home, especially the families and the Family Readiness Group for all that you do every single day - you are the true heroes!!!! If only you could see the look on your Soldier's faces when they receive your mail and while talking to you on the phone - it is fantastic. The room just lights up from the smiles on their faces and radiates from the glow that surrounds them, the phone calls and received mail carries the conversation for days.

Our mission continues to intensify with new units' arriving and the old units' departure and keeps us very busy, but then reinforces that our time here is coming to a close. With the arrival of the LTC Charlie Brown's fine team of professionals from the 14th Transportation Battalion scheduled later this spring (I can't discuss dates for security reasons), we are starting to feel the excitement of preparing to return home. Not much else to report as new here, other than the weather turned cold, dropping into the low teens at night which has created very cool sleeping conditions while our B-Hut heaters work very hard to keep up. I can tell you that it doesn't take us long to get dressed in the morning (smile)! We have had several snow falls, one that gave us between 2-3 inches and reduced the number of C-130 missions that the 618th loaded or unloaded for a couple of days and just last night we received a "dusting" which continues through the day but melts upon hitting the ground.

Exciting News! The 618th Movement Control Team welcomed CPT Randall Newman as their new commander on 1 February 2005. Congratulations Randy and Drue Anna with your new family - very well deserved assignment! Have fun and maintain your superb sense of humor, take care of your Soldiers and they will take care of you! You have a fine team of seasoned professionals in the 618th Soldiers.

Also, your very own SGT Daniel Bailey from the HHD, 39th along with SGT Eveling Salazar from the 870th Movement Control Team participated in and were inducted into the Non Commissioned Officer Corps during the Joint Logistics Command NCO Induction Ceremony on 28 January 2005. It was a very moving ceremony where newly promoted NCO's were inducted, signed their certificates and took the NCO Charge (oath), it was great - Congratulations SGT's Bailey and Salazar!

Well everyone, please take care and stay safe back home. We are all doing very well and staying safe here, about the only excitement we get here is listening to the alert system going off, telling us that this is only a test of the giant voice system (smile).

Take care and look forward to seeing you all soon,
Randy R. Rosenberg
LTC, TC
39th Trans Battalion Commander

39th Movement Control Battalion
By CPT Randall Newman

Hello all,

Greetings from Bagram! I hope all had a great holiday season. January is a difficult time of the year for most. The first painful event of the month is facing the amount of money spent on the holidays. Then for me the first time I slip with my New Year's resolution. I do have to thank all of you for helping make the holiday season enjoyable on our end. We really appreciate every thing all you do. The Christmas decorations and goodies really hit a home run.

Our main focus right now is to continue providing top-notch transportation support and to insure a smooth transition for our replacements. It is such a great feeling to talk about getting ready to receive our successors. With everything else that is going on, our job never ends and the fantastic men and women of the 39th MCB continue to ensure no mission falls due to transportation issues. The last 10 months have been a pleasure serving with these folks. I sincerely hope all of you are doing well and planning some big time recreation in the spring when we return.

Thanks again, and God Bless
Randall Newman
"WE'LL CARRY YOU!"



Hard at work building a snowman



SGT Bailey ran out of gas on Disney Drive



More winter in Bagram



SGT Salazar enjoying Santa's
Company



618th MCT



By SFC PABLO FERNANDEZ

KUDOS

On 25 January SPC Dinelia Altruz and SPC Yashira Diaz received the Army Achievement Medal for their hard work and boundless enthusiasm demonstrated on the planning and organization of the unit's Christmas festivities. SPC Altruz and SPC Diaz worked long hours ensuring that their fellow Soldiers have a touch from home during this season. They decorated both, the passenger terminal and the Pax briefing room as well as the work areas; they also prepared a 3-course meal for all the Soldier. And to prove that they do have the talent, they also worked hard at the 9 January JLC Barbeque. Their culinary prowess was highly praised by the JLC leadership as the best one so far. Congratulations and Thanks!!



VISITS/PROMOTIONS

Our Reserve Soldiers had the opportunity to have dinner with LTG Helmly, United States Army Reserve Commanding General. LTG Helmly discussed the future of the Army Reserve and their challenges ahead. We also received the visit of CSM Lynette Harper, JLC Command Sergeant Major. CSM Harper visited our soldiers in their work areas and commended them for their great effort supporting the 25th ID and the war on terrorism. CSM Harper's visit greatly lifted the soldiers' spirits and was very welcome. The 618th is very proud of the promotion of SPC Hector Flores to Sergeant. SGT Flores, one of our hardest working soldiers is currently stationed at Shindand. Congratulations!!!!



OPERATIONS

January brought two definite things: snow and more work!! For some of our troops from Puerto Rico it was the first time seeing snow, but braved the weather and rendered on of their best performances. The 268th CTC together with the 618th MCT, 941st MCT and the 873rd MCT planned, coordinated and executed over 772 air missions, moved 4,982 passengers and over 3531s-tons of cargo by air. We also had managed over 6,200 trucks thru the front gate and 11,000 containers and refrigerated containers of sustainment. We are working hard at receiving SETAF while we continue to assist the 25 ID on their return to Hawaii. Our program to recycle 463L pallets is a success with the assistance of Base Ops.



606 OPS

The Manimites held a Family Readiness Group meeting last night. Amanda Poulin did a great job in setting up the meeting and brought some great ideas to the table for our soldiers and their families to give all of us peace of mind for our upcoming deployment.



Our families will be in good hands.



Our next FRG meeting is a soldier and family training and team-building exercise on the 12th of February.



Last week, Mr. Jochem of BMCT-Germesheim was presented a USAREUR coin and a Letter of Appreciation by CSM Gravens, the USAREUR Command Sergeant Major, for his BMCT's outstanding support of the Rapid Fielding Initiative at Germesheim Army Depot. It's too bad that we don't have a picture of the event.



Congratulations!

SSG and Mrs. Havice
and
SPC and Mrs. Mathews
for their promotions, which
took place on 1 FEB.



SSG and Mrs. Havice also hosted a reception for the Manimites after the ceremony.

Ms. Troncone is ill; we hope that she is feeling better. We look forward to her return on or about 7 FEB.



FLORES
CHILDREN



*amor feliz día de los enamorados que aunque
lejos estamos nuestros corazones siempre
estaran juntos te amo con todo mi corazon*

con amor tu esposa Rosie

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

NEWMAN



CHILDREN



Hurry Home
Daddy! We love
you and miss you
dearly!!!

Hugs & Kisses

